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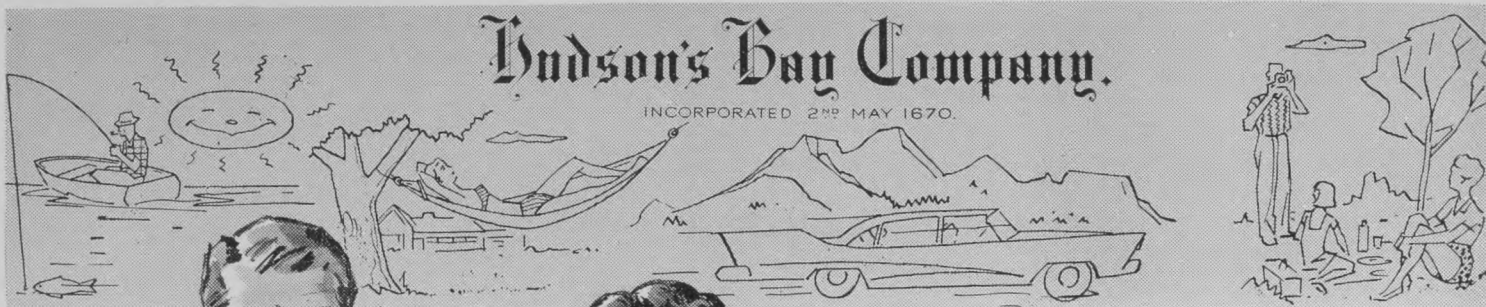
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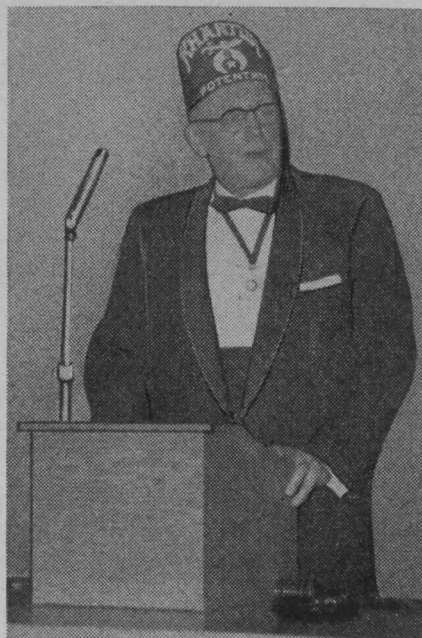
DR. ROY STEWART

Illustrious Potentate

KHARTUM TEMPLE

Ancient Arabic Order, Nobels of the Mystic Shrine

Potentate's Message



WELCOME EVERYONE TO OUR ANNUAL CIRCUS

As Potentate of Khartum Temple, it is with pride that I extend to you a warm welcome to this our Twenty-fifth Annual Circus.

No expense has been spared this year to bring to you the best talent available for your entertainment. The acts presented for your approval and enjoyment are the world's finest.

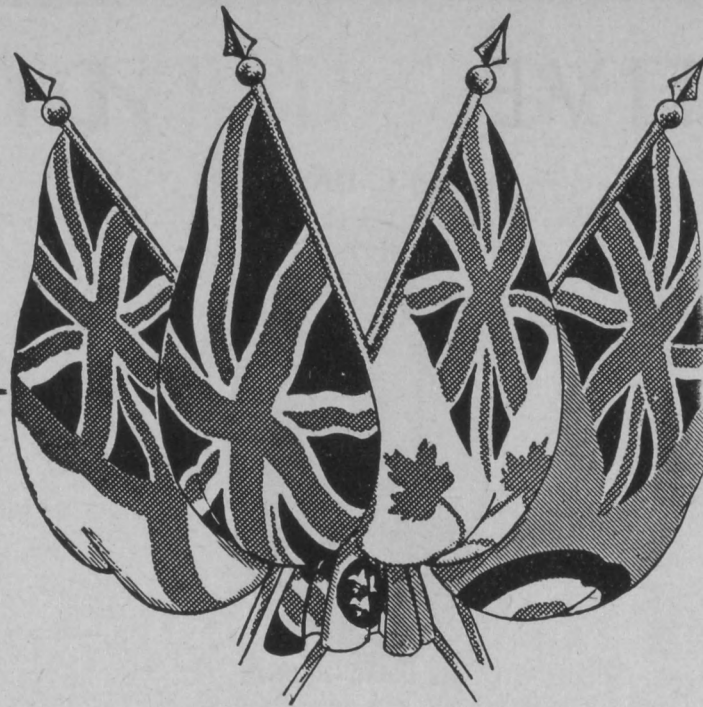
Each year for a quarter of a century, the citizens of Winnipeg and Manitoba, have been attending our Annual Shrine Circus. Now, Circus-time "In the Sunshine of the Shrine" is a tradition and we shall continue to look forward to this annual spring-time event with added interest and keen anticipation.

I want to thank all those who have so generously made this program possible. For their part in the arrangement and completion of this 1959 edition, I would strongly urge and respectfully suggest that you in turn support them for the help they have given.

ROY J. STEWART,

Illustrious Potentate,

Khartum Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.



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Tuesday Evening Performance	Dr. J. C. McKenty
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Their dreams have resulted in the great Khartum Temple of Today — rich in accomplishment — kind of deed — kind of heart — true friend to the under-privileged.

Our Temple is part of a Whole, a vast Heritage of Shrinedom — as wide as the world, as high as an ideal, bigger than any individual plan. It is as strong as the men who have built it and as those who are yet to lead it.

We are grateful to our Builders.

They have each filled a definite place in a Great Plan.

These builders of Khartum are our Past Potentates.

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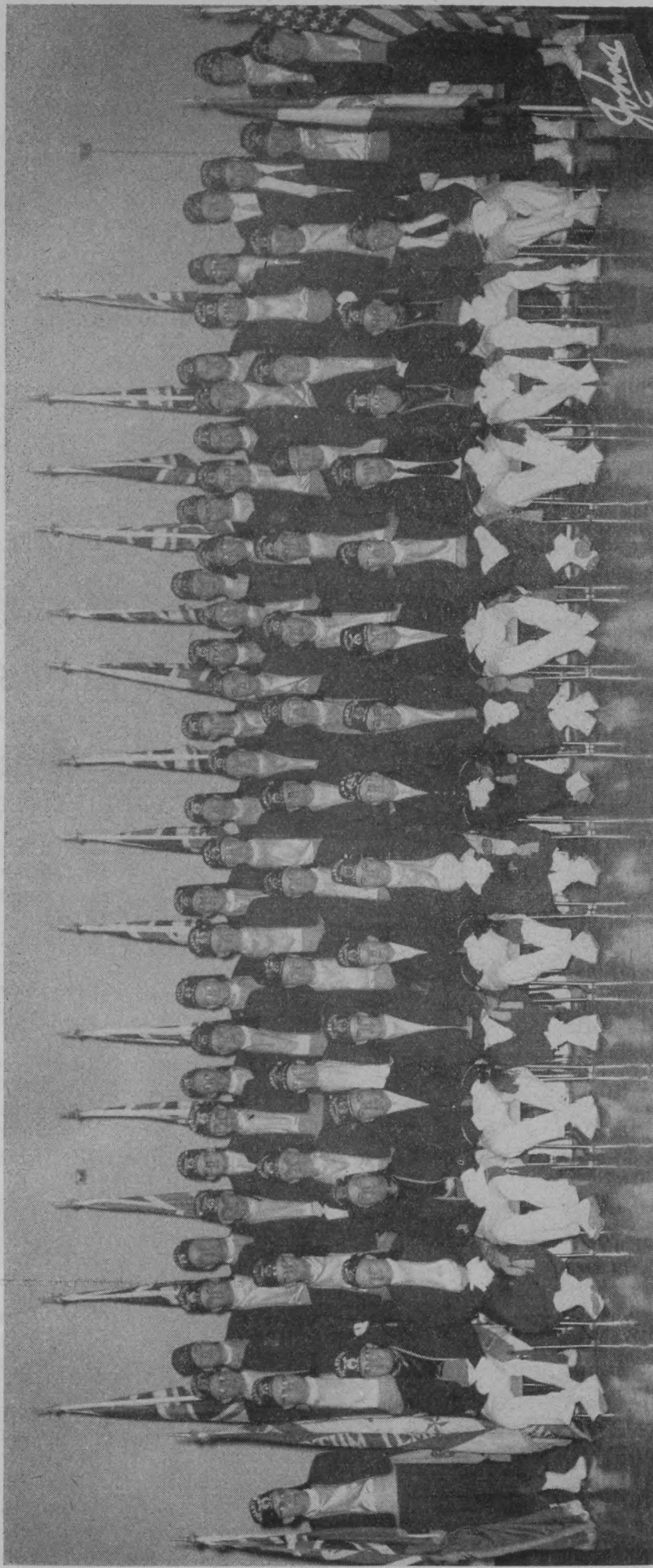
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The Patrol is the oldest of the uniformed units within Khartum Temple and of course is the official bodyguard of the Illustrious Potentate of the Temple. This unit performs drills, some of the movements being most intricate. Some people would consider a weekly practice of one or two hours real work but these busy business men find it relaxing from the hum drum of everyday life. They like the fellowship and good will enjoyed and the many social activities the patrol sponsors.

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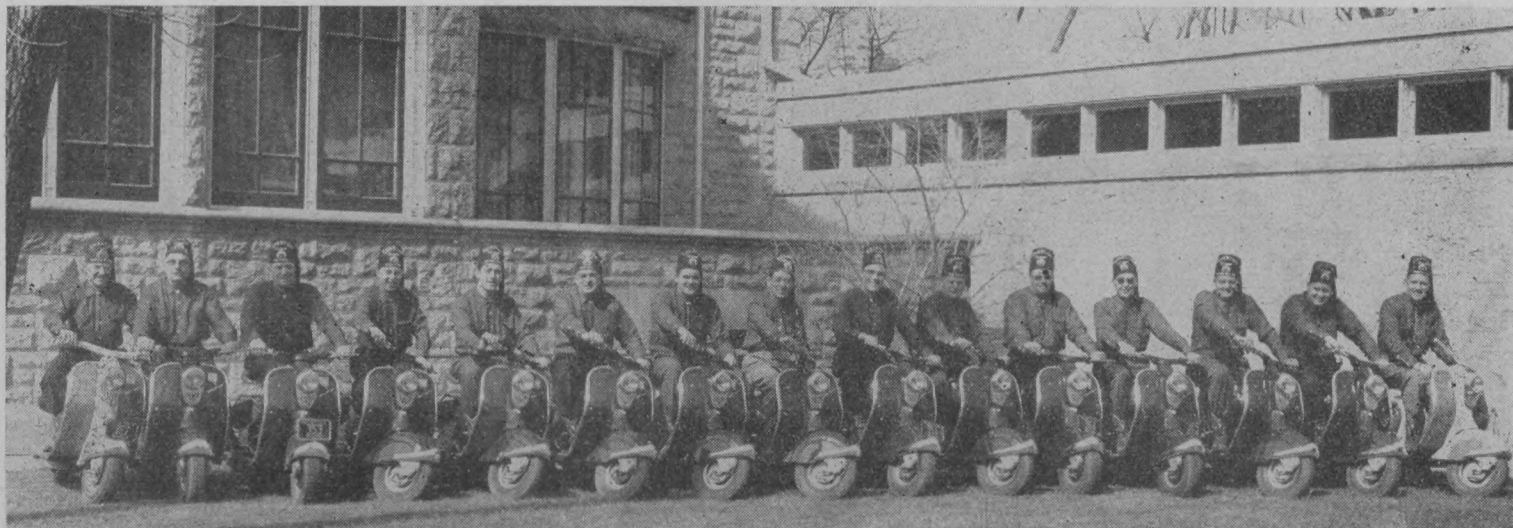
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Khartum Temple Shrine Scooter Patrol



Left to right—Merv Moxley, George Wilson, Bill Swanson, Wally Thiessen, Art Parker, Bert Johnson, Keith Pearce, Gilbert Lee, Jack Fearnside, Tom Whiteside, Cy Brooks, Aet Yates, Staten Stewart, Bill Byman, Jock Rolls.

Khartum Temple Shrine Chanters



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Front row—left to right: Wilf Temple, Ernie Gilpin, Fred Olson, Ernie Burrows, George Souch, Art Ibbetson.

The Chanters Unit under the direction of Ernie Burrows occupies a very high place in Khartum Temple's activities. Their beautiful singing is a highlight of all Shrine Ceremonials. They take a prominent place in church parades and social evenings, travelling to many outside points to take part in concerts and entertainments.

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Khartum Temple Oriental Band



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These are the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine that squeak out the Hoochy Koochy Dance. They claim they play other tunes but no one believes them. Under the guidance of Noble Van Kirk the band is the most colorful and attention compelling unit in the Shrine. Spirit gum, false whiskers, grease paint and gay uniforms make a really distracting hobby from a busy business life for these fellows.

To Our Advertisers: Khartum Temple extends its sincere thanks for your most welcome support. We urge our membership and the purchasers of this Program to remember and patronize these fine business firms.

—Khartum Shrine Circus Committee.

Khartum Temple Shrine Orchestra



Back row—left to right: Bob Koston, Dr. Earl Stephenson, Chas. Herald, Hugh Forshaw, Bill Aldrich, Bill Scott.

Front row—left to right: Clare Pybus, Gordon Wellwood, Walter Stevens, Tom Lawson, Bob Currie.

Missing from photo—Ray Williams, Doc Cecil Taylor, Sid Bowman, Dave Berry.

Here is a peppy little orchestra that really gets around. They play anything, anywhere, anytime from entertaining the "cons" at Stony Mountain Pen. to the old folks home. Originally organized by Geo. Douglas who retired last year after five years the band is now under the direction of "Bud" Currie. Playing and entertaining at meetings, concerts, hospitals, etc., the group is in great demand at all times and is a very real and valued asset of Khartum Temple.

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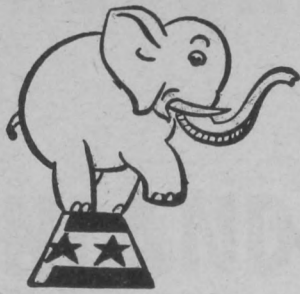
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Both of them are figments of the imagination of a brilliant press agent in 1880!

Barnum wanted some animals — big ones! He had advertised his freaks and his scientific “wonders.” Now he wanted menagerie features like camels, ostriches, elephants, big things. An agent saw Jumbo, an elephant, in the London Zoological Society. He cabled the news to Barnum; Barnum cabled him to buy and the transaction was completed and announced in the London newspapers. Ordinarily, the incident would have closed there.

The Directors of the Zoological Society were happy, because they had made a good bargain of \$30,000.00 for the unmanageable, hostile, perhaps dangerous African elephant; Barnum was happy because he had the biggest elephant in the world, eleven feet six inches tall, weighing six and one half tons; but Jumbo was very unhappy and had no intention of moving from his comfortable home!

He made an immediate bid for fame (beside his size) by simply flopping to the ground and refusing to enter the carefully constructed and padded cage, which would take him on his journey. No amount

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of prodding, pushing or profanity had any effect on him. Jumbo was stubborn and determined.

A clever press agent smelled a good story, never realizing how very good it was! He and several "wise" friends, knowing that the deal was unconditionally closed, appealed to the children of London, who loved Jumbo, to protest his forceful removal. Jumbo loved them too much to leave. Why not circulate petitions in the city, asking that Jumbo be allowed to stay. The children took the petitions home; the parents entered the picture; the newspapers wrote articles on their front pages about the mistreatment of Jumbo and the heartbreak of the children; the Humane Society condemned the hard-hearted circus men, who were tearing the lovable animal away from the only home he knew; the cables carried the troubles of Jumbo to a listening world; Queen Victoria mourned with the children and the elephant; the repeated assertions of the Zoological Society fell on deaf ears — that they had sold the animal because he was unmanageable and unsafe as a pet, for such is the case with African elephants.

When London was in a ferment about it all, the press agent and his friends who had so calmly started all the excitement, took stock. Up to that time, figured coldly in news-space rates, the Jumbo uproar had brought them about a half million dollars in advertising. The peak was reached! it was time to retreat. They would take to the ship with Jumbo as they had originally planned! Barnum had changed


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all his earlier printed matter, bearing the earlier selected name "Mastodon, the World's Biggest Elephant" to "Jumbo the Great," which by now had become a household word in America.

There was still that problem of getting Jumbo into the cage. Oddly enough, the circus men moved his food from its usual place in the yard to the shipping cage. Jumbo calmly raised himself when he got hungry and walked in, which is what the press agent figured he would do, in the first place.

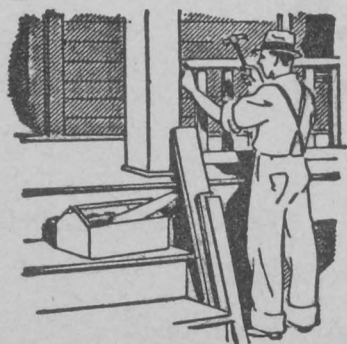
The cables rang with the success of moving Jumbo before international complications and bloodshed resulted! Upon arrival in America, police reserves were called out to take care of the crowds who waited for the Biggest Elephant in the World.

Today Jumbo, is a word connected with anything big. It is an accepted part of our language and of our national advertising — and the result of a press agent's idea of using a good break and a good name. Many elephants, true or otherwise, are called Jumbo by the layman.

Oh, yes, — was this African pachyderm really stubborn, unmanageable, dangerous? To a degree, he was, but Barnum didn't have much trouble from him and it certainly made him more famous.

Stranger than all, Jumbo died a hero! He pushed a baby elephant off the railroad track at a grade crossing, and Jumbo was killed by the train.

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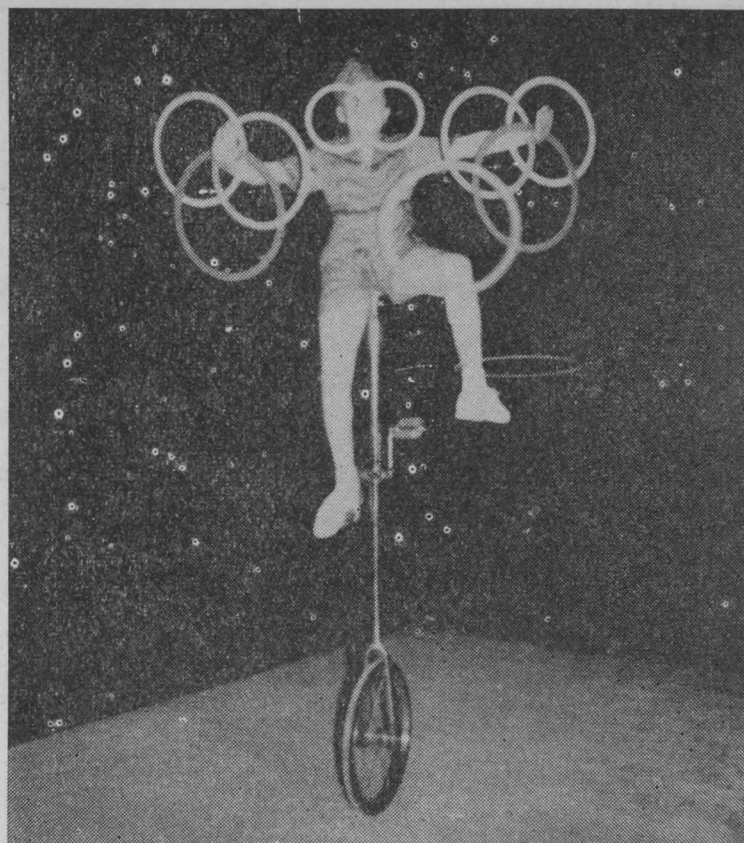


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In 1856 and 1857 two shiploads of camels, seventy-five in all, were imported from Egypt and Asia Minor and landed at Indianola, on the coast of Texas. Greek and Turkish camel drivers were also brought from the Near East. A station for the camels was established at Camp Verde, 60 miles West of San Antonio. It was believed that the camels would solve many freight transportation problems because of their ability to carry heavier loads than horses or mules, travel greater distances, and go longer without water. Tests showed that they were indeed fitted for work in that region, for on one expedition they crossed Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, to the Colorado River, and the report by the officer in charge was highly enthusiastic.

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Did You Know That . . .

An elephant's hide may be more than one and one-half inches thick on some parts of his ponderous body? That is why they are called pachyderms, which means "thick-skinned." Only the rhinoceros, the hippopotamus, and the tapir have hides as thick as the elephant.

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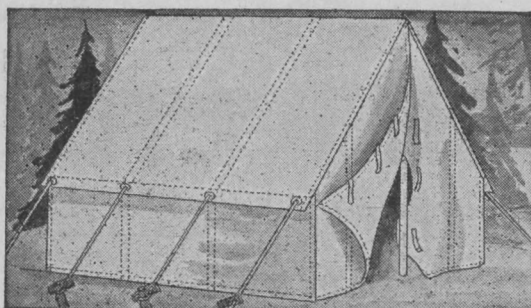
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Actually, they are cartoon characters come true. They do not utter a word but their act speaks to you in action and costume.

The Talking-Singing Clowns of the early circuses disappeared when the three ring shows began. No longer could the human voice carry over the din of noises made during such large performances. Even today with microphones and loud speakers, clowns remain pantomime artists.

A clown has to have various talents, among them a close study of human nature and a constant flair for current events. These influence his "act." He picks a frailty of mankind, makes a cartoon

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The Clown Walk-around is a fill-in spot, while prop men fix the aerial rigging or check the equipment to be used or pull the safety nets into place. Also during this ground act, your eyes can be on an even level instead of looking upward to the tent-top performers.

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Many families have followed the circus for generations. Some of them came to North America in an early day and now are looked upon as native performers. The First World War and the depression conditions which followed it in Europe caused many foreign circus families to desert their native lands for the United States. Unlike the first circus families who were specialists — bareback riders, tumblers or wire walkers — the more recent im-

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portations are all-around performers. A number of them had had their own, small circuses abroad in which the rather generous number of sons, daughters and in-laws did everything.

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Back in 1906, Moslem Temple of Detroit was looking for some acts for an indoor show. Orrin and some of his fellow performers were looking for winter work and applied. The show was a huge success and the 'Shrine Circus' idea was born. Davenport has been Producer ever since.

Orrin Davenport comes from a great circus family, strictly American in origin and career. His father was a talking-singing Clown in the 1860's and 1870's and was also a trainer of horses and riders at his circular ring barns in Chicago and Toledo, Ohio. Orrin is one of five children, all of whom were top bareback riders of their own day. He first went on the road as a seasoned rider at the age of 15 years. He is now a member of Medinah Temple in Chicago.

Mr. Francis Brann—Assistant to Mr. Davenport—Mr. Brann has been here several times before with the team of Francisco and Dolores, a high balancing act with a bicycle, but due to the illness a few years ago of Dolores, his wife, the team disbanded and he now performs in addition to his duties with Mr. Davenport, as Francisco, the Clown.

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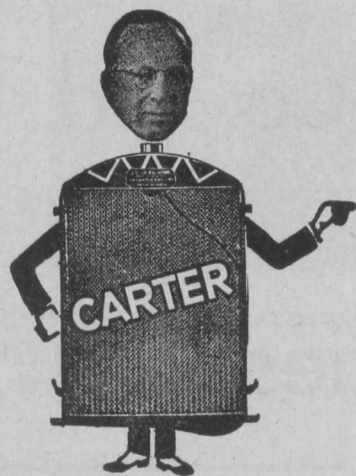
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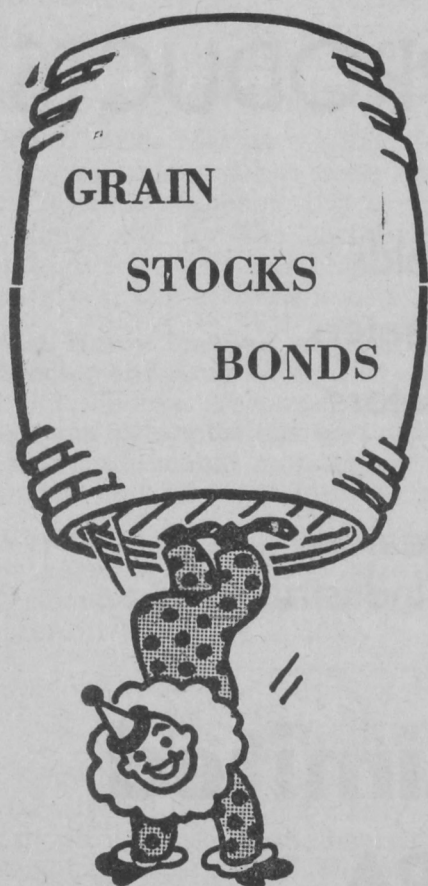
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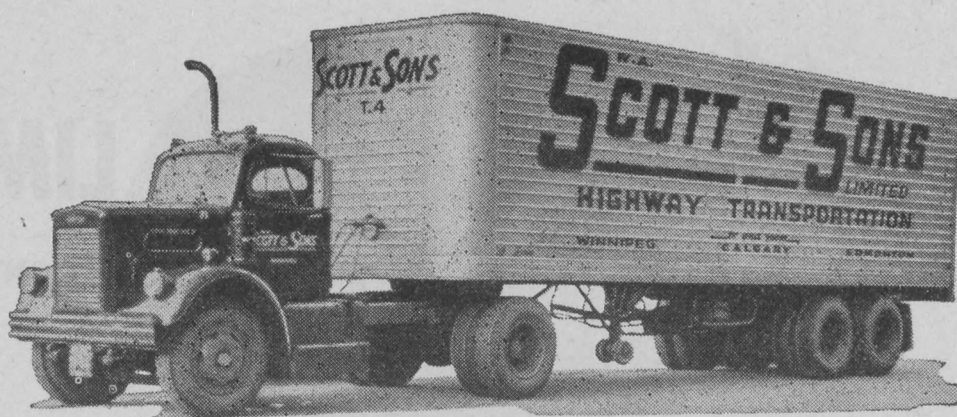
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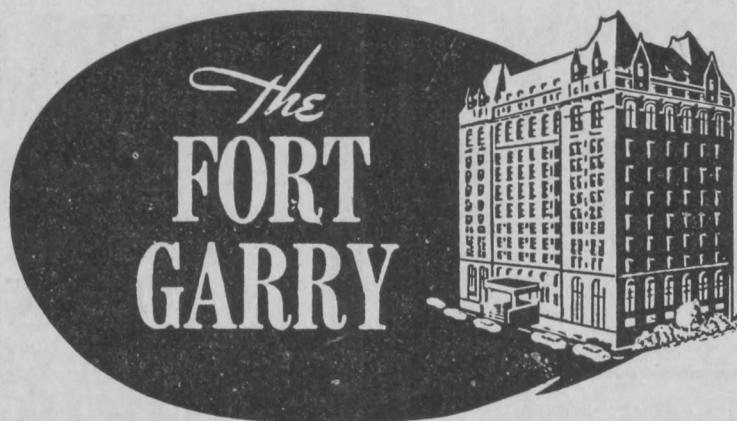
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When elephants first come out of the jungle many of them have long ivory tusks but in most cases these have been removed before they join a circus. That tusk really starts as a tooth, an incisor, and then later on turns into a tusk. Also, with the Indian elephant, old teeth are replaced by new all through life. The elephant has only eight teeth, all are grinders; top and bottom on each side of the mouth.

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Since 1922 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children have been making a magnificent contribution to Canada and the United States in looking after the care of crippled children who arrived in this world physically unfit to take their places in society or became victims of polio or other crippling diseases. Their future would have been dismal and completely hopeless had it not been for the membership of Shrine Temples, who undertook the care of such children without regard for color, race or creed.

The work of caring for these children has been carried on steadily ever since and each year has seen expansion by virtue of new hospitals and general improvement in the medical science; twisted little bodies have been straightened and hope for the future has been restored to many a heart.

Now the Shrine Hospitals have decided on a further plan whereby the tremendous knowledge gained in the years of handling crippled children in our 17 Shrine Hospitals will be made available to medical science the world over.

For some time a sub committee on medical research has been working on a plan for the complete standardization of all Shrine Hospital medical records so that a method may be arrived at to present this information for research by medical science anywhere in the world.

The Board of Trustees has unanimously approved of this new plan and will make our Winnipeg Shrine Hospital records fully available for study. For the purpose of organization a special Seminar is being held in Chicago during the middle of April, which will be attended by the Directors and other personnel of all Shrine Hospitals. The Winnipeg Unit will be represented by our Director, Miss Kathryn McLearn.

At the outset one of the first matters for decision will be a complete agreement on a standard type of medical record forms so that all Hospitals will be using the same type of case history record, and all filing systems will be uniform. The coding and getting the records in order for research will be a long time project, but personnel in each Hospital will be trained to assemble this information.

In general discussions of orthopedic work among children, the Board of Trustees feels that no organization in the world has a greater, more valuable or more comprehensive assembly of orthopedic knowledge than the Shrine Hospitals. Our work has been going along for more than a quarter of a century, as a matter of fact Shrine Hospitals pioneered the charitable care of crippled children and our wonderful hospitals have so often been referred to as symbols of the world's greatest philanthropy.

This latest move by the Board of Trustees, whereby Shrine Hospital knowledge will be made available to the medical world at large, makes every Shriner a little more proud than ever of the right to wear the Red Fez. The Mothers and Fathers of the children who come to Shrine Hospitals for treatment offer grateful thanks to God and to the Shrine for restoring their children to good health. All our children come from families unable to afford regular hospitalization and medical care and we are strictly "no income" hospitals.

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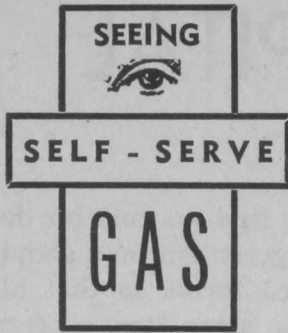
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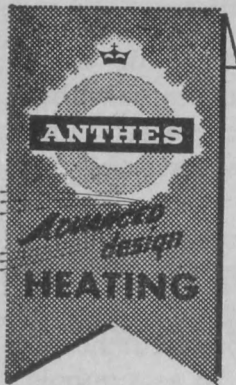
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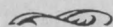
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The Shrine in North America does not advocate Mohammedanism as a sect, but inculcates the same respect of Deity here as in Arabia and elsewhere. The traditions of the Order are laid about the Holy Mohammedan City of Mecca in Arabia.

Mecca lies in a deep, barren, long, narrow valley some seventy miles from the Arabian Red Sea port of Judah—a city of 80,000 Mohammedans with little means of support except from supplying transportation, lodging and necessities for the half-million pilgrims who come yearly to worship at the birth-place of Mohammed. The city is some two miles long and less than one-quarter mile wide, built of three and four-story houses, capable of housing three times the normal population.

It has no manufacturing, little trade, and exists because of the only public building of any importance, the Holy Mosque, or House of Allah, its doors being coated with silver, embellished with gold ornaments, in which rests the celebrated Black Stone, said to have been brought by the Angel Gabriel and given to Abraham. The Holy Well of Zem Zem, said to have been found in the desert by Hagar where her son Ishmael was dying of thirst, supplies the city with water for drinking and ablution.

Mohammed was born here in 569 A.D. At the age of forty he began receiving "revelations" and soon proclaimed himself the Prophet. His teachings were mostly memorized and broadcast verbally, until

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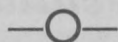
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after his death, when they were assembled by a "Royal Commission" and incorporated into the Koran. Millions of Moslems now turn toward Mecca five times daily to pray and repeat "Mohammed is His Prophet."

The positive duties of a Mohammedan believer are four — prayer, alms, fasting and pilgrimage for such as can afford it. One of the distinctive negative precepts is usury, which is so literally interpreted that there have been no banks in Mecca. So sacred is the city that it is doubted if anyone professing Christianity has ever entered the gates. It is said that, during the World War, British authorities were requested to instruct all officers piloting seaplanes attached to warships in the Red Sea, under no circumstances to profane the air by flying over either Mecca or Mereni, the resting place of Mohammed.

Every true Mohammedan hopes during his lifetime to visit the Holy Land of Arabia and do homage at Mecca, the birthplace of the Prophet Mohammed, "if finances permit" — and caravans trek from the north and west coast of Africa. Thousands come for extended stays of preparation and prayers during the month of Dhabhadjz (late June and July), when the facilities of the city are solely overtaxed. Nearly all the required supplies of food, clothing and smart novelties must be brought from the outside by caravan.

No pilgrim visits Mecca without walking around the Kaaba seven times and kissing the famous Black

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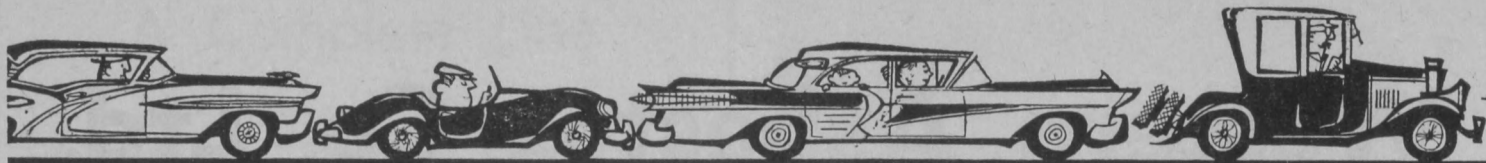
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Contrary to popular belief, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is not a part of the Masonic system. Masonry, in all its branches, is a serious study of morality through the use of symbols. It is not frivolous in any of its degrees and the Mystic Shrine is not "The Playground of Masonry," but rather the "Playground for Masons," as membership is limited to those who have attained the end of their travels in the York or Scottish Rites of Masonry.

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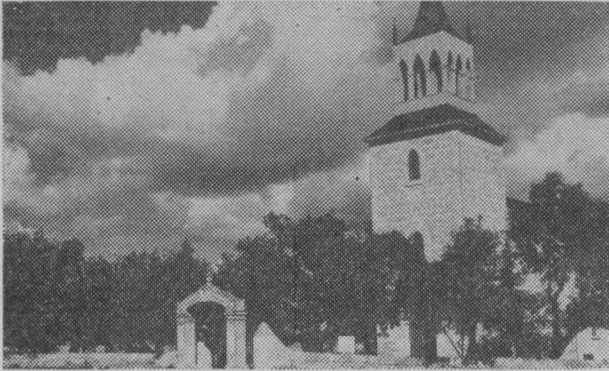


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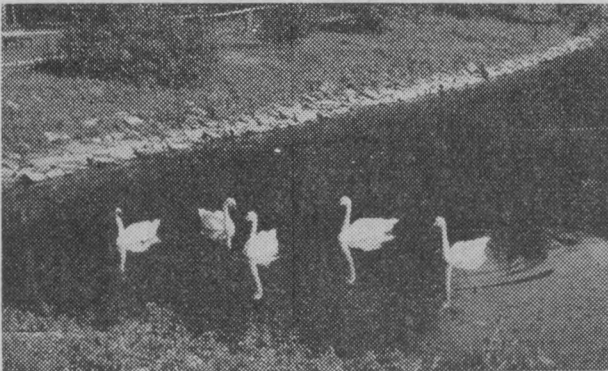
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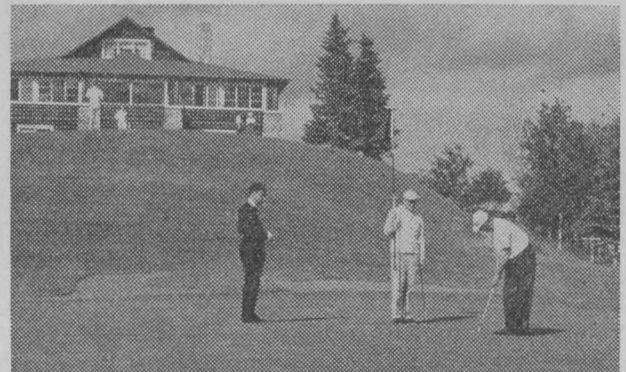


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In most cases a return visit by the parents a month or so later is of a much happier nature; tears are often shed but these are tears of happiness and thankfulness to the Great Architect who has directed the surgeons knife. Then comes the time when "Discharged" is written across the medical history chart of the patient and the nurses and doctors are just as happy as the parents. The little child suddenly realizes what it is to walk and wear new clothes and enjoy life and games like the other boys and girls at home. Even grown-ups find it hard to restrain their emotions in times such as this. These moments make the Shrine SO worth while.

There are many other happy times, particularly when a former patient walks up to the reception desk at the Hospital and says, "Is Miss McLearn in? or Miss Archibald or Miss Douglas?" The patients who went through the Hospital 20 years ago or more all remember these wonderful ladies who have each devoted their lives to the nursing of Crippled Children.

There have been dozens of occasions when

a former patient calls to renew old friendships made during childhood days. Many of these callers are prominent citizens today who have worked their way to a high level in business circles. One such patient turned up in the last class of candidates in the 1958 October ceremonial.

Only a few weeks ago John Makaroff called at the Hospital. He is now a prominent insurance man in Saskatoon, married with three children. In 1938 he came to our Hospital as a young child suffering from bone tumor in the leg, close to the hip. This called for an intricate bone graft, following removal. The lad was later discharged and wore a splint for years. Gone were the football, hockey and lacross days; great care had to be taken in walking. He now wears a special shoe with cork life, no splints, braces or crutches.

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Just another of the Happy Moments, Nobles. You can all experience many happy moments too, if you drop around to the Hospital any Sunday afternoon; chat with the children and you will then realize that as a Shriner, you have helped to bring back smiles to little faces, and brought hope back to little hearts.

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Caesar and Crassus bitterly watched the red and gold tableau wagons, drawn by elephants and mules; the centurions, followed by their companies of foot soldiers; the scores of horses and horsemen; chariots, performers and animals. It was colossal! The people of Rome loved it!

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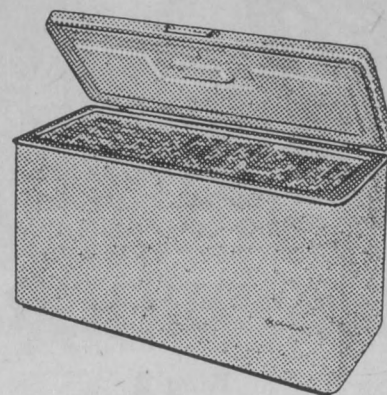



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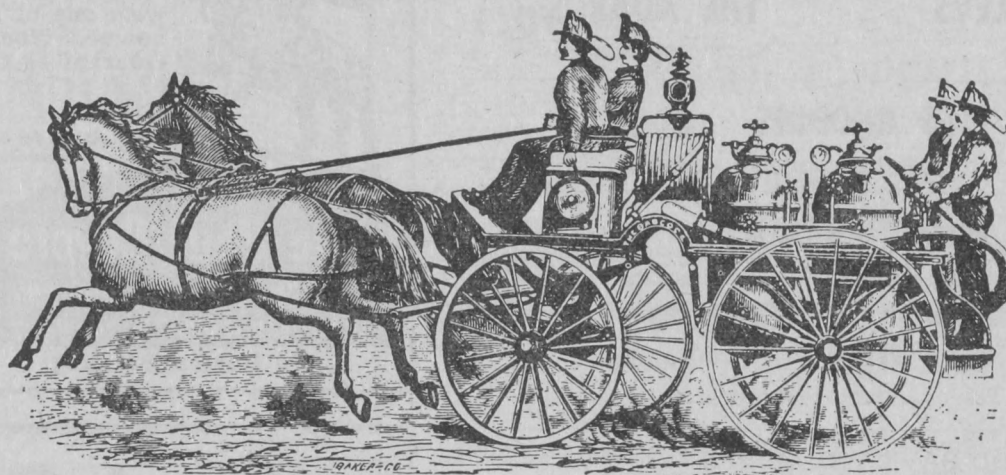
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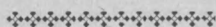
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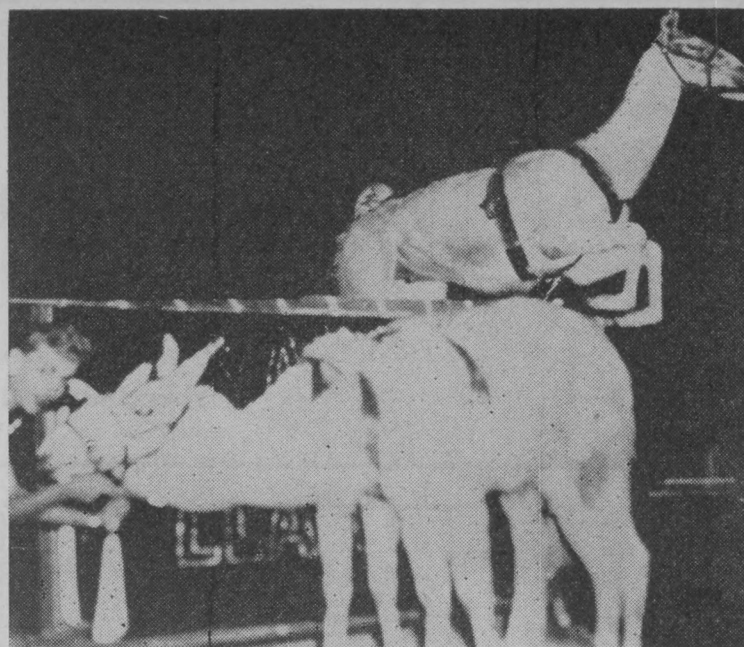
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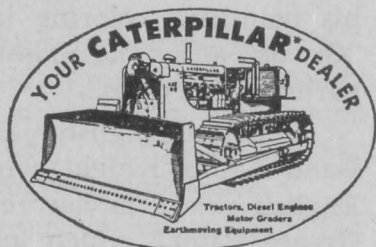
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Try art—if you go to the Art Institute of Chicago, you will generally find admirers standing before the huge canvas of "Circus," a painting by Toulouse-Lautrec. The same French artist did many circus subjects as did his countryman—Seurat, using his pointillist coloring in such great paintings as "Circus" and "The Sideshow," or Picasso doing his harlequin pictures.

Greatest English painter of circus subjects is Dane Laura Knight who tells of traveling with English shows in her recent book, "Oil Paint and Grease Paint," which includes photographs of her circus paintings.

Exhilarating is the word for the pictures of a small Irish circus done by Edward Seago and printed in his book "Sons of Sawdust."

In America, perhaps the most popular circus painter is Walter Krawiec, of Chicago. An ardent circus fan, he gets his subject matter first hand from the arenas and padrooms of the leading circuses, and not a few of his vivid canvasses have won wide recognition.

Another American artist who has caught the rhythm and spirit of the circus is John Steuart Curry. Among his most praised works are his paintings of aerialists in action. In every exhibit of today's artists, several circus subjects are found. The clown is always a favorite.

Circus photography has become an art in itself, mastered by no shutter clicker more fully than by Harry A. Atwell of Chicago. Candid camera fans swarm to the show lot with the dawn of circus day and stay to snap tents, animals, performance and spectators. The enthusiasm is really a popularization of the same aesthetic values seen in the circus by the artist.

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One of the newer circus books is "Big Top Rhythms" by Irving K. Pond, famous retired Chicago architect and prominent member of the Circus Fans Association of America. A tumbler and acrobat of no mean ability himself, Mr. Pond goes into the technical aspect of the feats accomplished.

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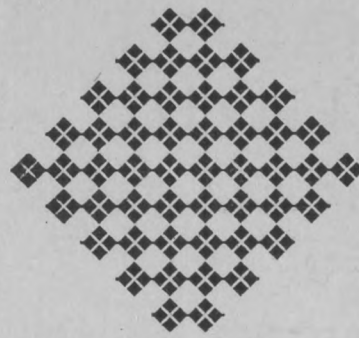


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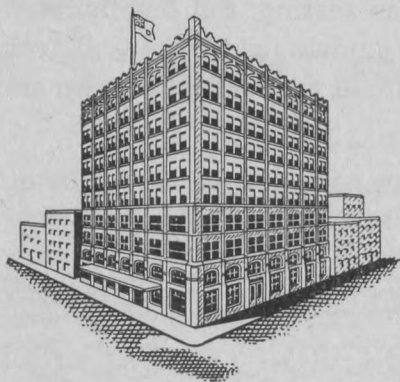
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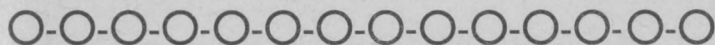
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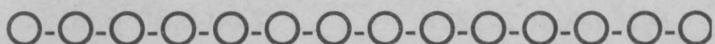
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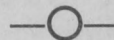
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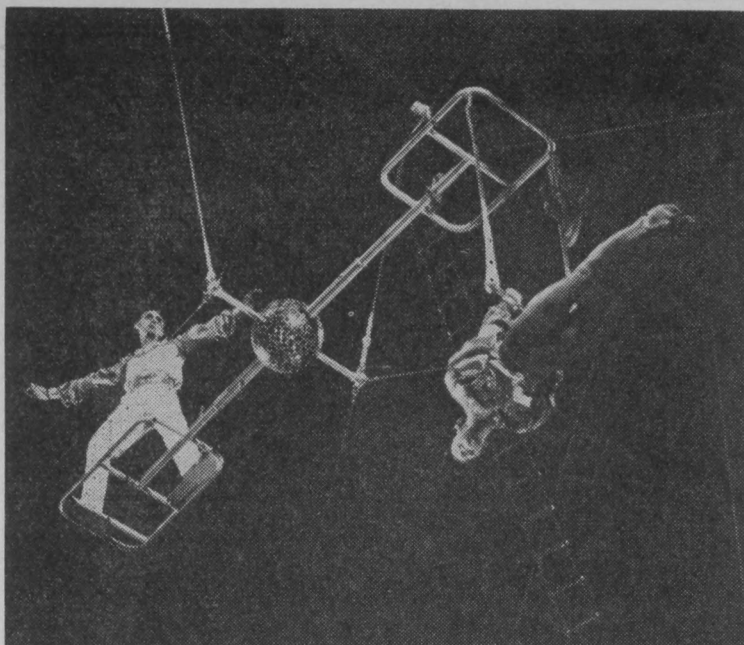
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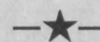


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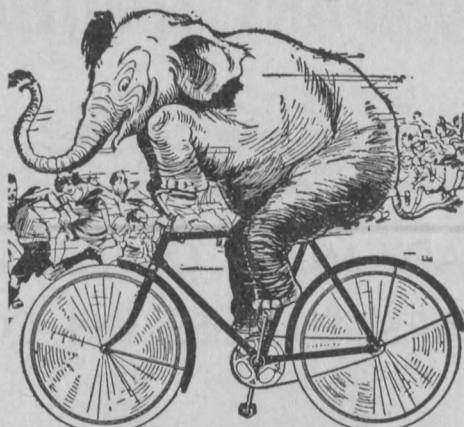


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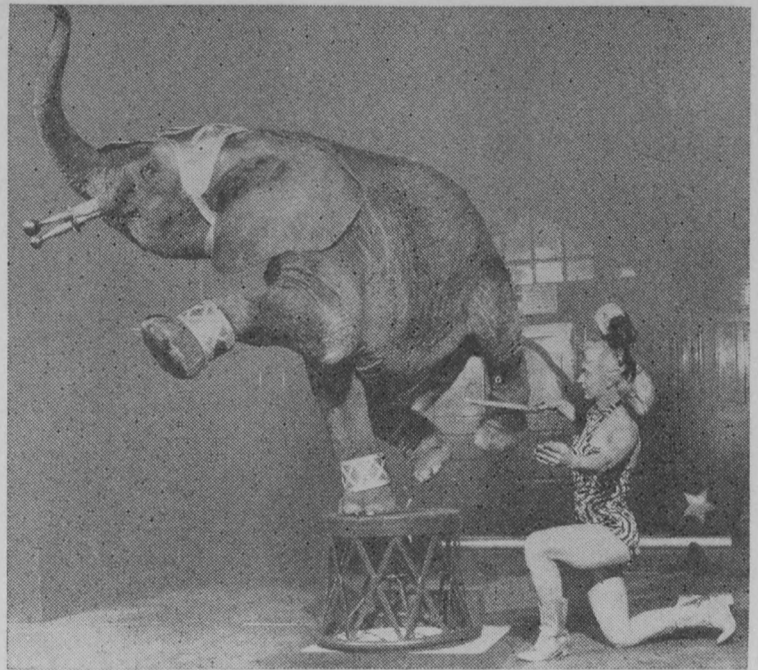


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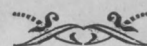
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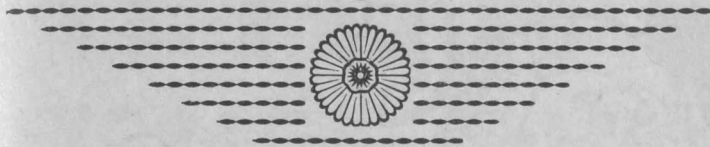
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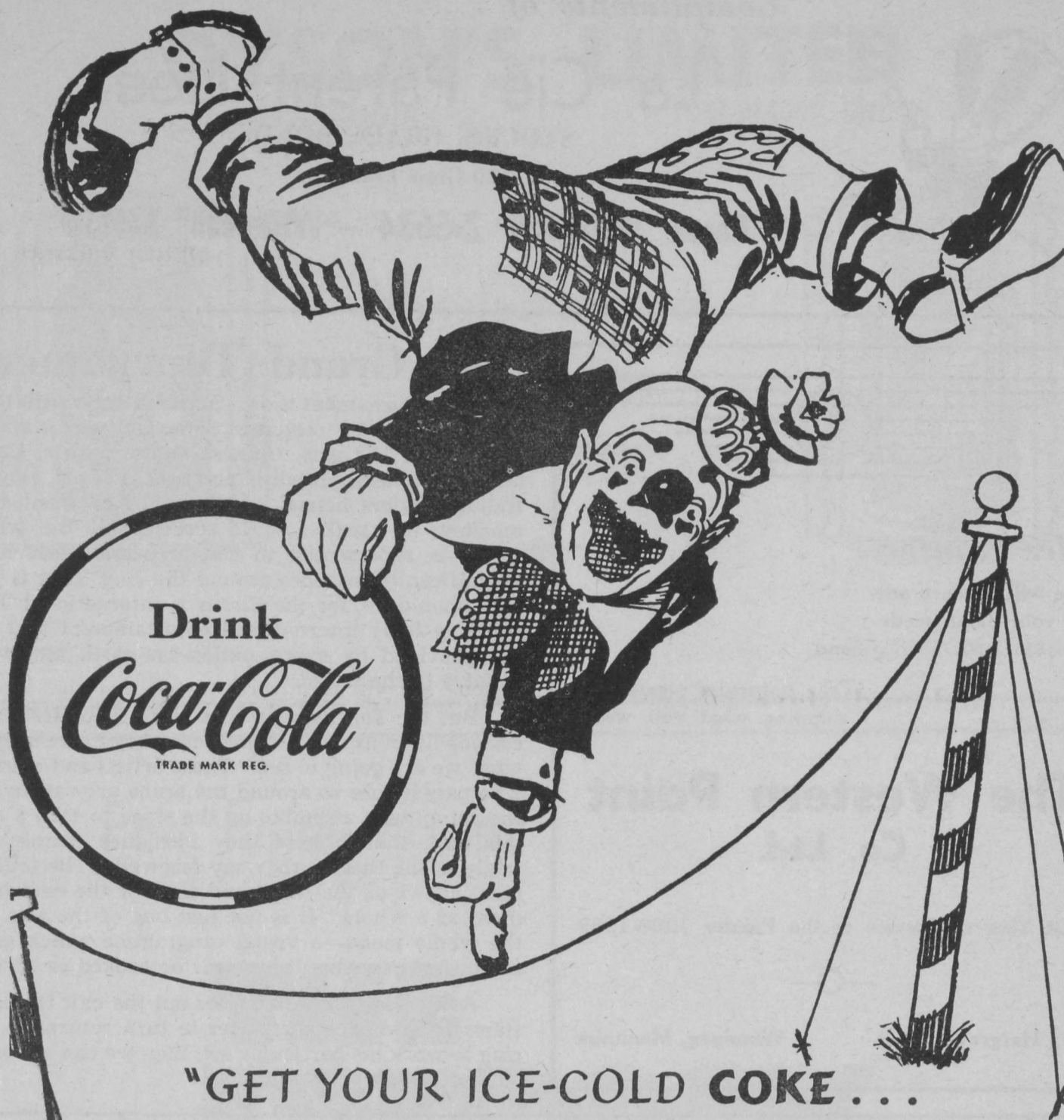
The Tournament is on. Shriners units with their colorful oriental costumes, Spanish wire-walkers, Roumanian bar acts, Chinese contortionists, Czech animal trainers, Swedish acrobats, French clowns, Italian jugglers, horses . . . dogs . . . elephants . . . monkeys . . . seals . . . It seems as if the whole world is represented in the procession which so magnificently marches around the ring. That is just as it should be, for the Circus is international. It is the only truly international entertainment that exists, provided by every nation on earth for every country in the world.

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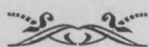


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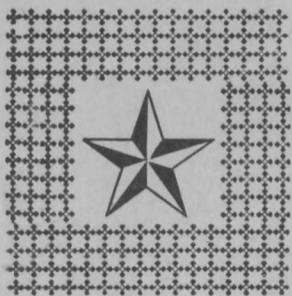
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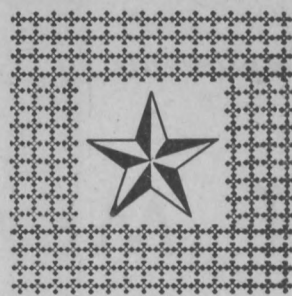
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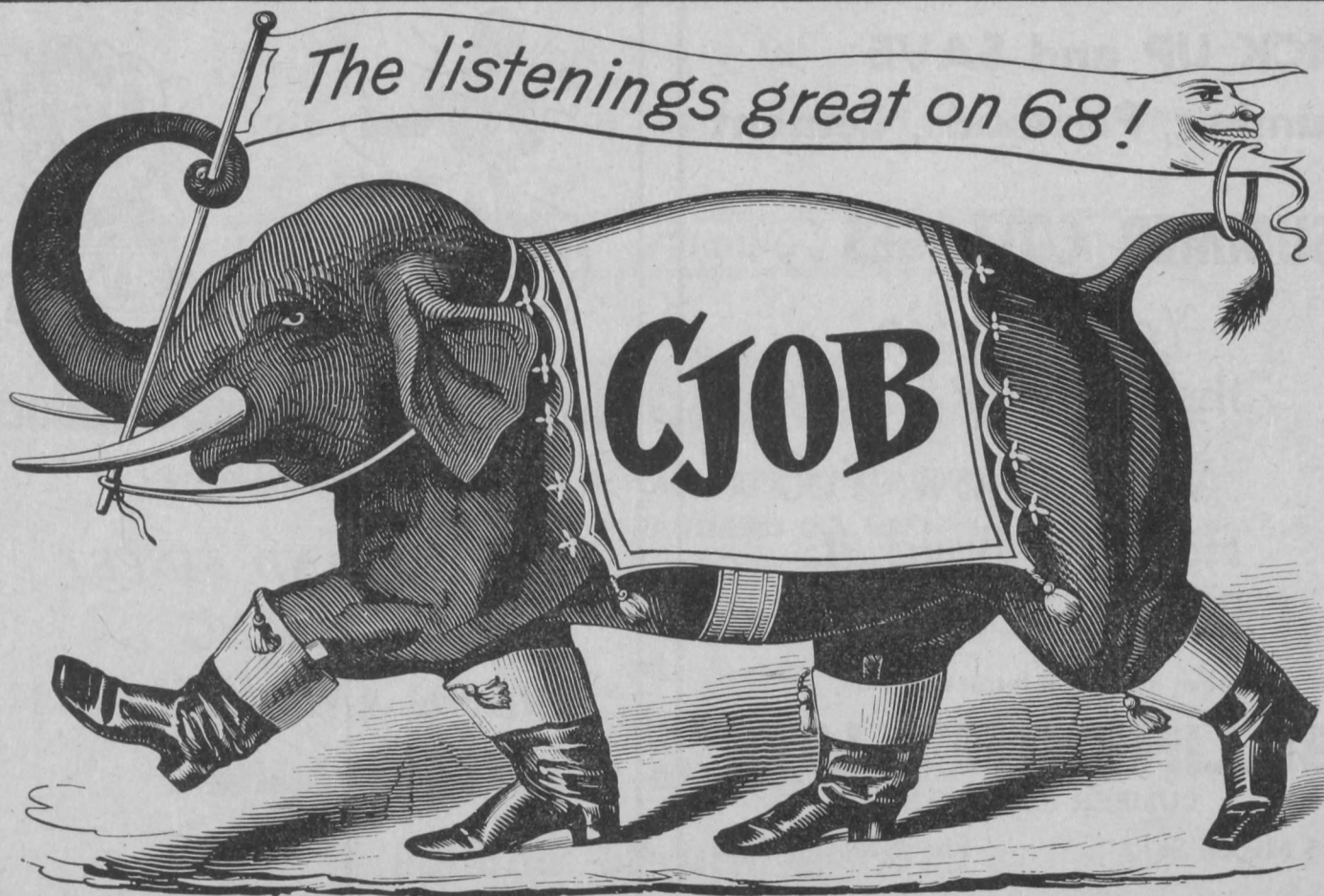
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1. When elephants in the Shrine Circus are parading and the trainer gives the command of "Tail Up," what does he mean:
☐ They should hold their tails up in the air?
☐ They should pick up the tail of the elephant in front of them?
2. In circus language the name Annie Oakley means:
☐ A girl aerialist. ☐ A free circus pass.
3. Which one of the following is the principal ingredient used in a clown's make-up?
☐ Cold cream. ☐ Lanolin. ☐ Zinc oxide.
4. The term "iron jaw" is often heard around a circus. It means:
☐ Tricks performed by aerialists while hanging by their teeth?
☐ A strong iron clamp for holding circus guy lines in places?
5. How many muscles are in an elephant's trunk?
☐ Approximately 5,000. ☐ Approx. 10,000.
Approx. 40,000.
6. In circus language the clowns are called:
☐ Jesters. ☐ Joeys. ☐ Jockeys.
7. Which animal can't make any sounds from its throat because it hasn't any vocal cords?
☐ Giraffe. ☐ Kangaroo. ☐ Monkey.
8. An elephant's skin is:
☐ Thin. ☐ Thick.
9. You have seen giraffes at the circus. If not, look at a picture of one and then check the right answer below:
☐ A giraffe's front legs are about twice as long as its rear legs.
☐ A giraffe's front legs are the same length as its rear legs.
10. Which of the following American cities has had a circus every year since 1793?
☐ Kansas City. ☐ New York. ☐ Denver.
11. Polar bears have hair on the bottom of their feet to:
☐ Keep their feet warm on the ice.
☐ Keep them from slipping on the ice.
12. Elephants born in Asia (Indian elephants) have five toes on each foot. Elephants born in Africa (African elephants) have four toes on each foot. Check whether or not you think this statement is true or false.
☐ True. ☐ False.

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1. They should pick up the tail of the elephant in front of them.
2. A free circus pass.
3. Zinc oxide.
4. Tricks performed by an aerialist while hanging by their teeth.
5. Approximately 40,000 muscles.
6. Joeys.
7. The Giraffe.
8. Thick.
9. A giraffe's front legs are the same length as its rear legs.
10. New York City.
11. To keep them from slipping on the ice.
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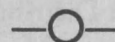
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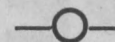
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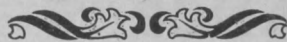
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the divinity school at Fez, having its origin in Africa rather than in Asia. The school was, of course, devoted to the study of Islam, and as the students spread through the Moslem countries they carried the fez with them until it became the symbol of the faith of Mohammed, and it was highly standardized, the tassel being exactly fourteen inches long.

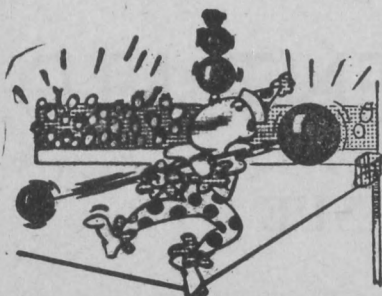
The Fez was dyed red or scarlet as a mark of learning in favor of the wearer, and only the highest dignitaries were permitted to wear the red hat or Fez.

In the military service the fez had a flattened crown and was stiffened, either with the addition of more material, or the felt was tightly applied to a straw foundation. Those not in the army wore the rounded crown familiar to the Shrine, while those of a lesser rank wore a pointed crown.

A few of the elaborate military fezzes have been brought from the East by travelers. At one time Hassan Ben Ali gave away an entire case of fezzes which he had imported for his acrobatic troupes.

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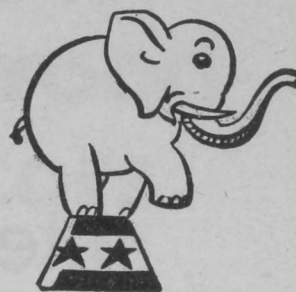
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the sun than the straw hat, and was supposed to ward off sunstroke.

The Shrine virtually brought the fez to America, and the success of the Order was such that it was largely copied by other organizations, and they all seemed to think that the fez was an essential part of the idea.

There was a time when the white fez with the emblem worked in red was supposed to be the proper thing for the women relatives of Shriners. The idea dated back to the old days of the burlesque Order of Isis, with its fantastic initiation, and every woman wore the white fez to show that she belonged. Our Imperial Shrine Council discourages these side degrees and the white fez has gradually disappeared, though you will see one now and then.

Today if we wanted to be strictly Arabic up to date, we should discard the gaudy red cap in favor of the hard-boiled "bowler," also known as derby.

Over in the near East the young Turks have risen in revolt against everything, including the fez, and have adopted the stiff and uncomfortable black derby as the proper headgear, and the fez factories are closing down because of lack of business and

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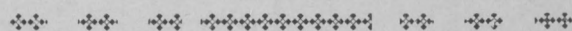
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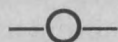


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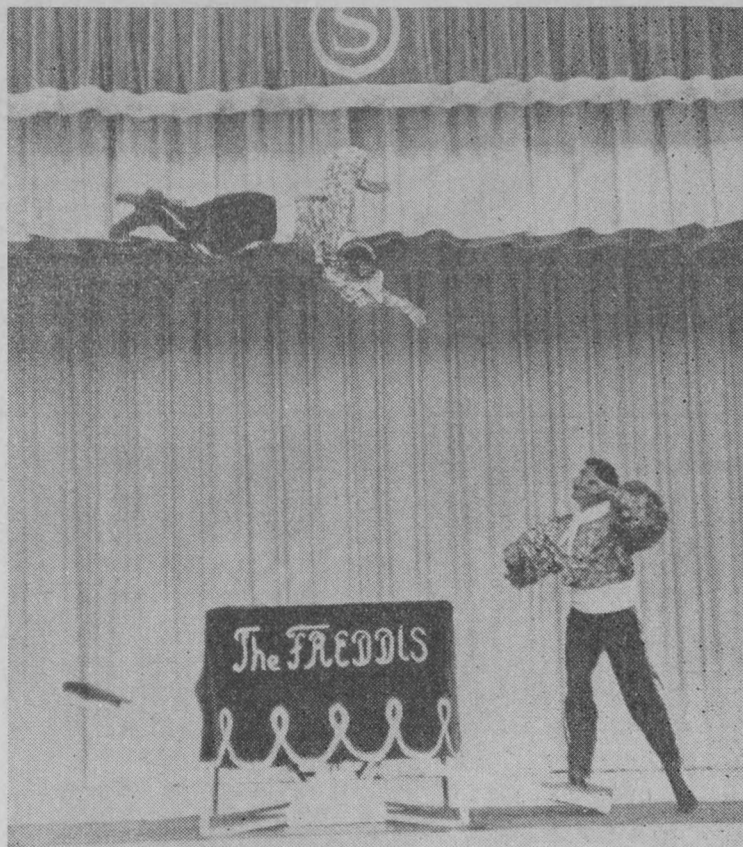
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"There we was without pup tents in all the goo with a First of May yelling like a grave digger and a kinker wanting to bet a yard against a dukie that a gaffer was responsible. I tell you it was noisier than a hooligan. Got us up in a tunnel. And no one could find the shanty."

The argot of the circus has one inviolable rule: Never call a thing by its right name if you can help it. The word for a railroad in iron horse slang is "circus," but in circus language a circus is not a railroad."

Thus Joeys are always clowns and a canvas opera is, of course, the circus under tent as opposed

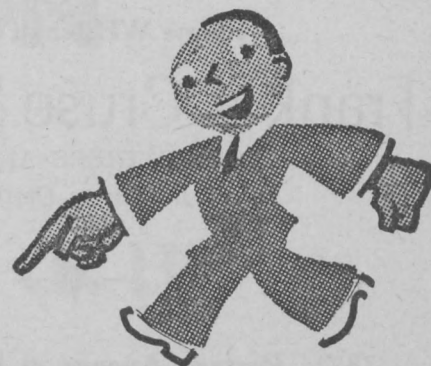
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to a **hall opera**, a show housed in a building or other permanent structure. **Pup tents** are overshoes, good friends when you're stuck in the mud (**goo**). A **First of May**, or **forty miler** is a neophyte or first seasoner with the circus. A **grave-digger** is a hyena. **Kinker** refers to a performer in the **big top** (main tent). A **yard** is \$100, while a **dukie** is a box lunch passed out enroute. The big boss is known as the **gaffer**, and the quarters occupied by the Wild West contingent are the **holligan**. You can **get up in a tunnel** without going underground because it means arising before daybreak. The **shanty** — probably derived from "chandelier" — is the electrician.

Circus argot is old indeed, and while its first cousin, slang, changes from decade to decade, the language of "the greatest show on earth" rolls along jauntily in colorful parade, stretching from century to century. Many of its words now in use were heard back in 1785 when the first circus made its appearance in America.

Although it had a few strange animals it had no **bulls** (elephants of both sexes) until three years later when a lone **rubber mule** (less popular term for "elephant") was brought to America. For a long time then the ostrich has been the **big turkey**; horses, hay

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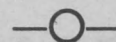
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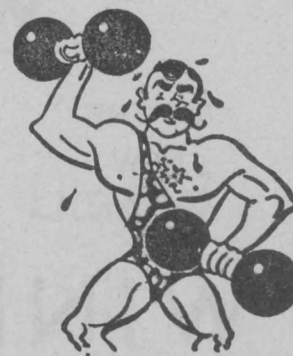
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burners; the boa constrictor, the **big worm;** and more recently—with the advent of striped garb for prisoners, zebras have been **convicts.** Lions, tigers, pumas and other denizens of felinity are always **cats.** **The spotted lady** is a giraffe of either sex.

The “patter” of the circus folk is like secret languages in that it was created — no one knows how long ago — to keep confidences among the initiated, giving them a feeling of security and fraternity. But many circus performers resent the term “slang” applied to their argot. It is their professional language, if you please, just as cowboys, lumber men, trainmen, vaudeville actors, newspapermen, broadcasters, college students, sailors, soldiers, and more recently Wacs and Waves, have singular expressions, growing out of their vocations.

But circus lingo has no peer as far as wealth of vocabulary goes, unless it is the flash language of the underworld. This latter, as a matter of fact, has some words in common with circus lingo. For example: **Bennie** (overcoat), **Keester** (suitcase), **reader** (license), and the like. Then, too, an occasional word from the circus lot spills over into the slang of the man of the street, such as **mutt** for dog; **bluebird**, symbol of happiness.

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More interesting are the alliterations. A **cookie cutter** never looks upon dough; it is a policeman's star or a detective's badge. The soft drink stand is the **juice joint**. Your meals are cooked in **crumb castle**. **Lot lice** are a low form of life, being those abhorrent, stingy, lily-livered wights who loaf around without buying tickets for the show. **Cake cutters** practice the ancient art of short changing you, and a riot distress call is "**Hey, Rubel!**"

Proper nouns serve many a useful purpose, too. **John Law** is the village constable or any other representative of law and order. An **Annie Oakley** is a pass to the main event. Passes are usually punched tickets and Annie Oakley was the famous target shooter whose favorite trick was to shoot holes in playing cards at fabulously numbered paces.

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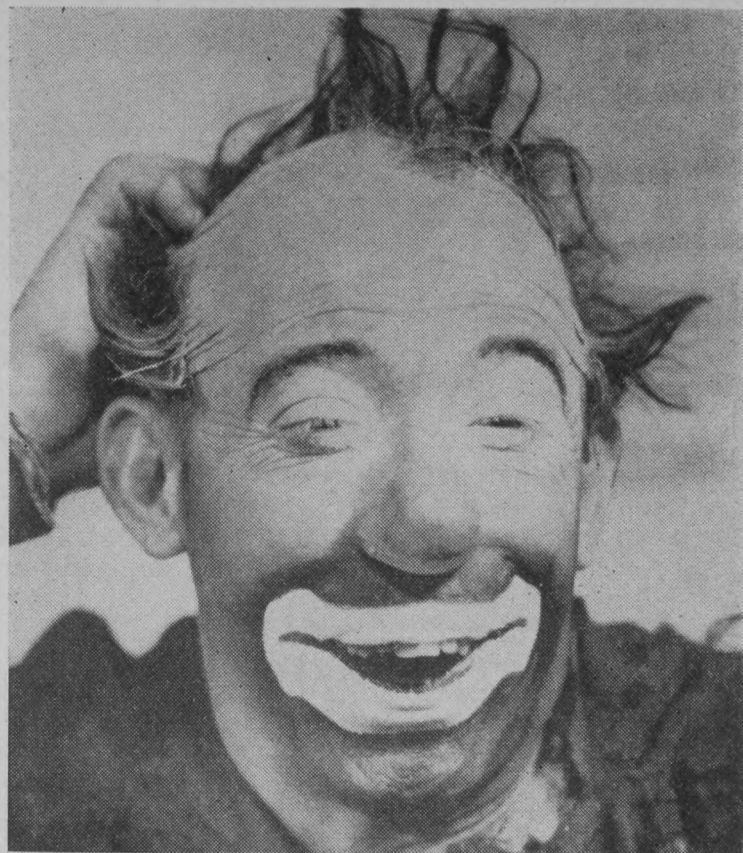
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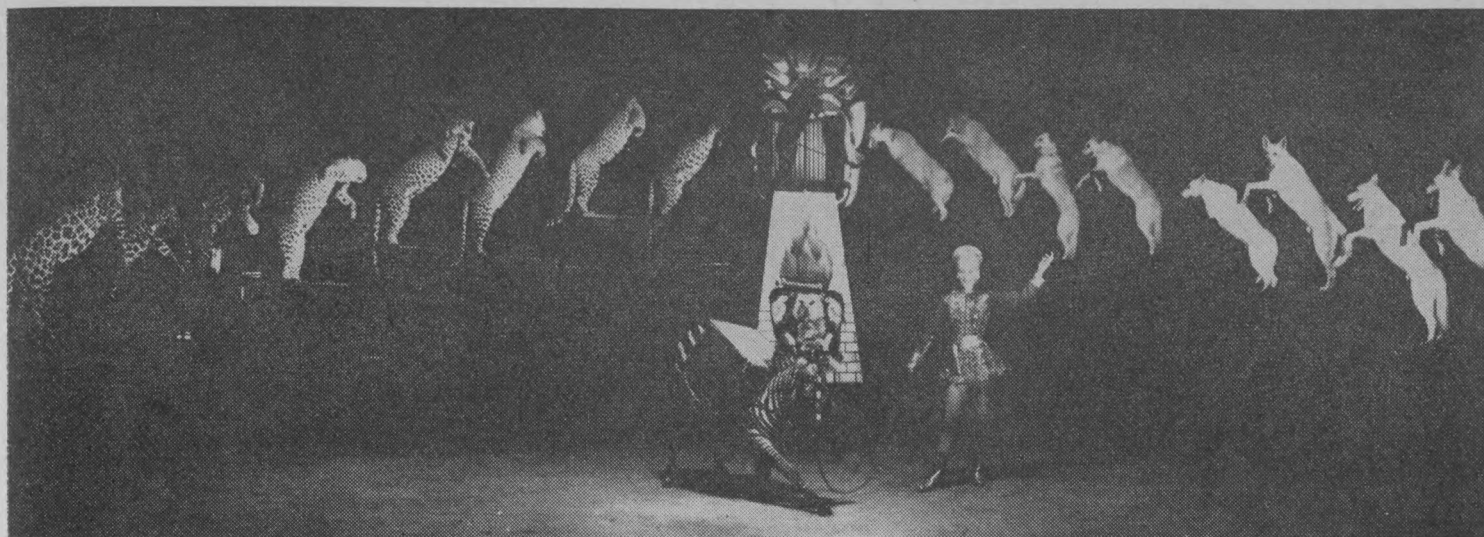
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While all this was happening, some thirty-odd circuses of varied types and sizes still were on the road. Some were enjoying sell-out business; some were finding business "pretty good"; others complained about business being "not up to normal"; still others wailed that bad business was "killing them."

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Circuses are no different from any other business. They have their good years and their bad years. They have their problems which tend to reduce profits; then during the following year the same show revises its route or otherwise executes other refinements or changes and it shows a good profit.

These facts were and are well known to experienced circus operators. Those in the business were not at all alarmed at the news that The Big Show quit in the middle of the 1956 season. Many predicted exactly what would happen—that the Ringling show would revamp methods of operation and would continue on the road in 1957. Their predictions were correct. In 1957 they carried no canvas, thus reducing the use

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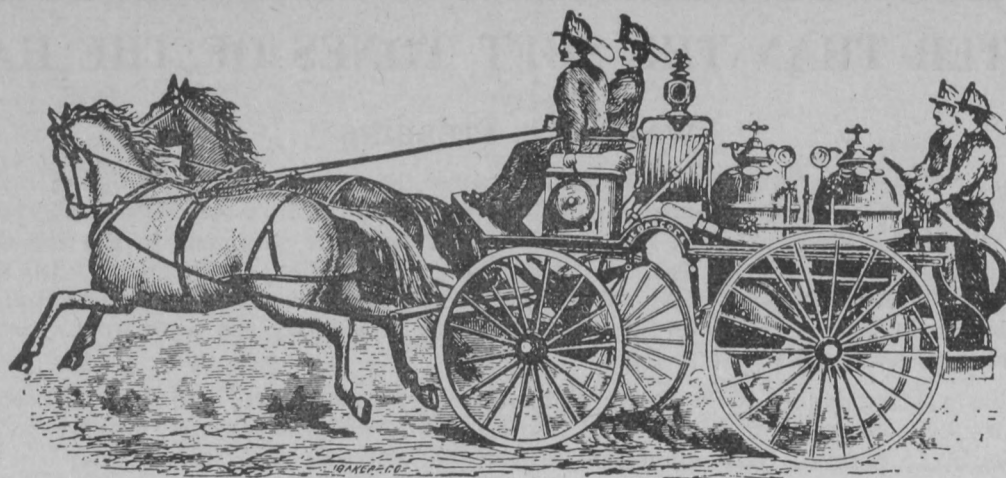
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of so many railroad cars and so much labor. They found stadia and types of buildings which would properly "house" their show. At the end of the season, their ideas had proved to be profit-producing.

Many in the circus business have found that methods employed in the producing of a circus must keep up with the times. After all, we in the business are not living in 1914, 1927 or 1940. Business methods have changed since those years; the business of producing a major circus also had to change.

But let us get back to the muttering of those who shook their heads and said, "I guess the circus is dead."

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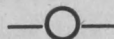


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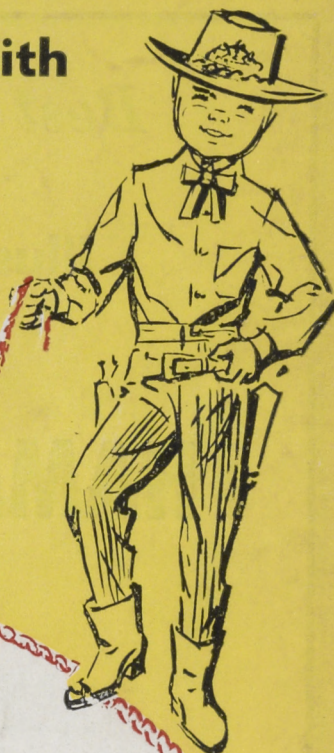
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